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UPDATE: First Round of SB 1-Funded Grants Awarded

SAN BERNARDINO— Caltrans announced today that the first planning grants funded through the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) have been awarded to local agencies to support their efforts to plan more sustainable communities, reduce transportation-related greenhouse gases and adapt for the effects of climate change. During this week's California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting, nearly \$32 million in grants were awarded. In total, SB 1 will provide more than \$270 million in planning grants for local communities over the next decade.

"These grants will provide much needed funding to support the efforts to improve transportation in local communities and plan for a future impacted by climate change," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "In addition to the many projects already accelerated thanks to SB 1, this is just one more example of how we're committed to rebuilding California."

Among the grants awarded were nearly \$25 million in Sustainable Community grants to 43 local and regional multimodal transportation and land use planning projects. These planning grants will provide funding to support regional sustainable community strategies and ultimately achieve the state's greenhouse gas reductions targets of 40 and 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and 2050 respectively. SB 1 provides \$25 million annually to this grant program which is awarded both competitively and by formula to eligible projects. Among projects awarded funding are:

City of Rialto (San Bernardino County)

Rialto Active Transportation Plan

The Rialto Active Transportation Plan will provide a community-driven, evidence-based set of recommended programs and infrastructure projects to make walking and bicycling safer, more comfortable, and more convenient throughout the City of Rialto. The project will include a focus on engaging disadvantaged communities, prioritizing recommendations to provide the greatest benefit with limited resources, and creating a realistic, actionable implementation plan. The plan is anticipated to address a number of themes including expanding bicycle and pedestrian networks, reducing motor vehicle trips, creating connections to Rialto transit routes, improving public health and air quality, and promoting healthy levels of physical activity.

Project cost \$220,912

Grant award \$200,000



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Riverside County Transportation Department Local Government Commission; Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability (Riverside County) Neighborhood and Regional Mobility Plans for North Shore and Mecca

This project will develop neighborhood/regional level mobility plans for the unincorporated communities of North Shore and Mecca in eastern Coachella Valley. These low-income communities face significant barriers to access and mobility including limited transportation infrastructure, lack of pedestrian and bicycle access to transit and community resources, as well as limited transit. Through robust community engagement and a participatory design process, Riverside County Transportation Department will create an access and mobility plan that meets the needs of the community, and is technically feasible and implementable. Project supports many of the regional goals in the RTP/SCS (including reducing vehicle miles traveled).

Project cost \$222,806

Grant award \$197,250

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (San Bernardino County) Comprehensive Pedestrian Sidewalk Connectivity Plan

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) requests \$600,000 to develop a countywide Comprehensive Pedestrian Sidewalk Connectivity Plan (Plan). The Plan and its database tool will assist regional and local agencies in active transportation planning, decision-making, and construction of priority sidewalk projects. The Plan is needed to reduce current duplicative and inefficient efforts by multiple planners at the regional and city level. Working with a consultant, SBCTA will complete the Plan within 24 months. The Plan builds upon San Bernardino's existing 2015 Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP), which includes the Countywide First/Last Mile Pedestrian Plan, and the Countywide Safe Routes to School Plan, currently in development.

Project cost \$677,737

Grant award \$600,000

City of Indio (Riverside County) Multi-Modal Feasibility Study

The Multi-Modal Feasibility Study will identify and evaluate potential locations for the construction of a multi-modal facility in the City of Indio. The facility will consider and connect commuter and intercity rail, bus rapid transit, regional and local buses, and active transportation elements in a single location for Indio residents and visitors. Goals of the study include: 1) Identify and assess the feasibility of potential locations; 2) Evaluate potential reductions to commuter traffic considering various transportation modes; 3) Select a preferred location using a detailed evaluation process; and 4) Inform future planning and funding efforts for a multi-modal facility.

Project cost \$442,500

Grant award \$391,745



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City of Lake Elsinore (Riverside County)

City of Lake Elsinore Active Transportation Plan / Regional Commuter Based Access Plan

The City of Lake Elsinore is one of the fastest growing California cities with 2% annual growth. While the City's Healthy LE initiative offers programs to promote a healthy lifestyle, it has limited pedestrian or bicycle amenities to allow this healthy lifestyle to be practiced. The City needs a comprehensive ATP that would prioritize bikeway and pedestrian improvements based on criteria such as regional and local connectivity, safe routes to school, ten minute neighborhoods, and recommendations for smart infill growth with accompanying ATP improvements. Project sheets with cost estimates, conceptual layout, implementation strategies, and funding sources will be included.

Project cost \$245,000

Grant award \$175,000

City of Redlands (San Bernardino County)

Redlands Transit Village Plans

The City will develop three transit village plans within the half-mile radius of each of the three new stations scheduled to open in 2021. These plans will promote transit-oriented development in support of the goals established in the recently updated Redlands General Plan, the SCAG RTP/ SCS, and State policy. After grant award, the City will work a Consultant and with Caltrans as a partner to develop these specific plans by February of 2020. These plans will integrate land uses and transportation networks for each village.

Project cost \$950,340

Grant award \$600,000

Additionally, \$7 million in Adaptation Planning grants were awarded to 21 projects throughout California. These grants will help local and regional agencies conduct adaptation planning in a way to ensure transportation assets are resilient in the face of climate change and extreme weather events. SB 1 will provide a total of \$20 million over three years for this grant program. Among projects awarded funding are:

Western Riverside Council of Governments (San Bernardino County)

Transportation Authority

Regional Climate Adaptation

Toolkit for Transportation

Infrastructure Phase 1

WRCOG and SBCTA request \$683,431 to develop a Regional Climate Adaptation Toolkit for Transportation Infrastructure to assist local jurisdictions in addressing climate change adaptation. WRCOG and SBCTA will partner to develop the following: 1) Regional Climate Collaborative; 2) SBCTA Transportation and Community Vulnerability Assessment; 3) City-Level Climate-Related Transportation Hazards and Evacuation Maps; 4) Climate Resilient Transportation Infrastructure Guidebook; and 5) Regional Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Template.

Project cost \$771,977



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Grant award \$683,431

A complete list of the 43 Sustainable Community grant projects can be found at:

http://www.catc.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/2017Agenda/2017-12/Yellows/Tab_22_4.11_Attachment.pdf.

A complete list of the projects receiving Adaptation Planning grants can be found at:

http://www.catc.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/2017Agenda/2017-12/Yellows/Tab_22_4.11_Attachment2.pdf.

Caltrans received 127 applications seeking more than \$34 million in grant funds for the Sustainable Communities competitive grant program and 30 applications seeking \$10.5 million in grants funds for the Adaptation Planning grant program.

More information on Caltrans' SB 1 funded planning grants can be found at

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>.

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